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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

I write to respectfully urge you bring up for a vote a renewal of the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for renewable energy in addition to the other alternative energy tax credits that expired at the end of 2011. All of these credits are extremely important in helping to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of fuel, increasing energy efficiency, and making the U.S. more secure.

While I am pleased that reports early this year found that the U.S. is the most energy independent it's been in 20 years, we must continue to support emerging energy industries just as we have done, and continue to do, for the oil and gas industries. One industry of particular concern that utilizes the PTC to its full extent is the wind energy industry. Wind energy has created thousands of new jobs in the U.S. and is a promising alternative to fossil fuel energy production.

The 2nd Congressional District in Iowa is home to many wind energy manufacturers like Clipper Wind, Acciona, Siemens, and Trinity Wind in addition to other component manufacturers. These manufacturers are concerned because of orders that have already dropped off half-way through this year as a result of the PTC's scheduled lapse at the end of 2012. This threatens thousands of jobs in Iowa and across the nation in addition to our continued progress toward energy independence.

Iowa is the second largest producer of wind energy in the nation and was one of the first states to set a renewable generation standard. Wind energy is extremely important for our state as well as other states and is becoming increasingly important for the U.S. energy generation capacity. I again respectfully urge you to bring up a renewal of the PTC and other expired alternative energy tax credits that expired at the end of 2011. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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